

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 22 and 24 are requested to be cancelled.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1, 4-6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14-21 and 23 are now pending in this application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. The Office Action states that Claims 1, 4-6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14-21 and 23 are allowed.

Rejections under 35 USC 112

Claims 22 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicant does not concede that this rejection is proper. However, in the interest of expedience, claims 22 and 24 have been cancelled, thereby obviating this issue. Applicant notes that the cancellation of claims 22 and 24 have no bearing on their ultimate patentability. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of cancelled claims 22 and 24, e.g., in a continuing application.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment instructions in EFS-Web being incorrect or absent, resulting in a rejected or incorrect credit card transaction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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